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**To:** [Site Allocations Plan](#)  
**Subject:** PDE01733\_Objections to proposed developments on sites HG 2-5 and HG 2-6  
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LDF Publication Draft Consultation,  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I refer to the proposed development of the area in and around the Silverdale Estate in Guiseley, specifically the allotments (site number HG 2-6) and the field (site numbers HG 2-5). These are the areas I have played on as a boy, since I was 4, and now enjoy with my family. I can't believe that in this day and age of global warming, and greater understanding of our part in it, that we are considering building on a designated greenfield site full of vegetation that cleanses the atmosphere of carbon dioxide thrown up by the A65 and surrounding urban area. Not to mention that the vista would be destroyed, the cushion separating us from other urban areas gone for ever. People, in particular young people, need space to be themselves and building on these areas would rob my children, and their friends, of the areas that I have loved growing up in.

I am willing to bet the majority of people live in Guiseley right now, do so because of the character of the town. I have lived through vast change living in Silverdale, some for the better. I lived here when we officially became a town in the 80s, I have seen many industries leave the town and retail parks and housing estates go up in their place. I remember the time when you could drive into Leeds City Centre in less than 20 minutes. Change is inevitable, but at least many of these changes have involved development of brownfield land. These changes have caused great pressure on our already choked infrastructure: Choked roads, choked schools and choked healthcare providers. My mother, now 84, has to wait 3 weeks when she wants to see her doctor.

I hear of a 'need for housing' and yet find many houses in the High Royds development still on sale years after they have been put on the market. Houses for sale in Guiseley don't all get snapped up rapidly like there is such a need. Where are all these people coming from that 'need' this housing. I hate to be a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), yet there are many brown field sites in and around the Leeds area that would be better for development in that they already have a road system, they would not require such investment in foundations.

Historic England have found The coach road/Park Road Guiseley site (HG 2-5) 'Unsound'  
I understand that Leeds have asked for comments from Historic England, but have failed to include those comments in the site assessments that they have made public.

I strongly object to the developments. I believe Leeds City Council have a divisive agenda for suggesting these developments in the Guiseley area.

I hope that you listen to your public and are able to act on our behalf to reject these development proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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